

Weather Forecast  
settled Saturday and colder.

# Palatka Daily News

Good Evening—

Youth ever thinks that good  
whose goodness or evil he sees  
not.—Sir P. Sidney.

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## AND JURORS CAN NO LYNCHERS DECKER SLAYER

Why So Strong in  
West Body Is  
In Dark

## OFF EXONERATED

Man Had Fired  
Man He After-  
wards Killed

(By Associated Press)  
at, Jan. 24.—The Monroe  
and jury has reported that  
able to establish the iden-  
tities of the mob who  
Manuel Head here the day  
after Head had shot  
William H. Decker, cigar  
and prominent in fraternal  
circles of the city.

His report discloses that  
rest of Head for the kill-  
ing, Head stated that it  
intention to kill four men  
a beating administered  
of December 23 by a small  
mob. It also was developed  
that before Decker was  
the streets, Head had fired  
his home in the hope that  
it would come to a window so  
that he could kill him.

Head and his attaches were  
of any blame for permit-  
ting which lynched Head to  
be taken from the jail.  
that Manuel Head was  
in this coffee shop the night  
of December 23, 1921, about 8 o'clock  
p.m., says the report.  
composed of about 15 or  
ordered him to leave. He  
account of his living with  
a woman and on account of  
the had made and also his  
reputation; that he refused  
the name of any individual  
and on the morning of  
the 24th, he shot and killed  
Decker, who was a very  
citizen of Key West. Af-  
ter the killing of Decker he  
was in the cupola of a  
one of the principal  
of the city of Key West and  
he shot into the crowd  
assembled, but he was fore-  
warned, knowing that a gas  
bomb would be used to force him out.  
the assistance of the marine  
sheriff and his deputies  
in the county jail and  
stated that it was his in-  
tention to kill four men.

Head stated that his being beaten  
by the negro woman he was  
ordered to come back to him; that  
he ordered him to leave  
and he promised them that  
he would let him go back and  
the shop he would leave.  
at 3 o'clock on Christmas  
night he fired into the home  
of Mr. Decker's fam-  
ily, and Head stated  
that he was hoping that Mr.  
Decker would come to the door  
and he could kill him.

people of Key West  
firing into Mr. Decker  
and later killing him in  
the street. He did, the feeling  
in the city was very intense.  
Head was a very bad reputation  
and was not only a terror  
to the people of the law, but to the  
people of Key West in general.  
He also reported that "from  
before us, we find that  
stated Mr. Decker was  
mistaken on the night of  
the 23rd, and that it ap-  
pears that the time Manuel  
was assaulted, Mr.  
Decker was in the Elks club."  
He concluded that the jury  
opinion "the lynching  
was organized society but  
unknown to us."

AVY TO PLAY  
KILN FIELD NEXT  
week. The annual  
between West Point  
will be played next  
field it was announ-

## Governor Silent on Sending Troops Against Strikers

(By Associated Press)  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 24.—  
Governor J. B. A. Robertson early  
today remained silent on the question  
of sending troops into the packing  
house district here in connection with  
disorders since the calling of a strike  
by the packing house workmen. Sev-  
eral days ago Jake Brooks, a negro  
strike-breaker, was lynched and Sun-  
day night the bodies of another ne-  
gro strike-breaker and his wife were  
found in the ruins of their burned  
home.

Five men have been bound over  
for trial on a charge of murder in  
connection with the lynching of  
Brooks and three others were sched-  
uled to enter their plea to similar  
charges. Plans have been made to  
put the district under military rule  
should the word be received from  
the governor.

## CARDINALS GATHER TO SELECT SUCCESSOR AS BENEDICT LIES IN STATE

(By Associated Press)  
Rome, Jan. 24.—While thousands  
streamed past the bier of Benedict  
XV in the Basilica of St. Peter's to-  
day to pay reverence to the dead  
prelate. Cardinals of the church were  
on their way from many foreign  
countries to participate in the elec-  
tion of a new Pope.

The brief interval before the con-  
vening of the conclave, which has  
been set for February 2, will, how-  
ever, prevent some of them—notably  
Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia,  
and the Canadian and Brazilian car-  
dinals—from arriving in time to  
vote, unless the election is unduly  
prolonged. Cardinal O'Connell of  
Boston has cabled that he is taking  
passage today, and has a possible  
chance to enter the election provid-  
ing the new Pope is not chosen on  
the first ballot.

There is no outstanding figure  
among the candidates for the high  
post, but Cardinal Maffi, archbishop  
of Pisa, is prominently mentioned as  
the government's choice. Others be-  
lieved discussed are Cardinal LaFon-  
taine of Venice and Cardinal Ratti of  
Milan.

The interment of Benedict has been  
fixed tentatively for tomorrow, the  
usual period of lying in state being  
curtailed because of the prelate's  
wish that his body be not embalmed.

## FLAG COURTESY DEBATED

(By Associated Press)  
Rome, Jan. 24.—The reception at  
the Vatican of an Italian cabinet  
minister last Saturday and the half-  
masting of the flag on the Quirinal  
in mourning for the Pope are com-  
mented upon at length by both the  
press and public. There are many  
expressions favoring an agreement  
between the government and the Vat-  
ican, and these two events are being  
pointed to as significant of such a  
possibility.

## St. Pete Balks on Increasing a Fire Hazard By Shacks

(By Associated Press)  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Mayor  
Pulver of this city, after receiving  
an opinion from the city attorney, has  
revoked permits for the construction  
of ten small cottages for negroes in  
a block in the negro quarters be-  
cause he believes they would increase  
the fire hazard and be a menace to  
health as a result of the already  
crowded condition. Figures of the  
city building inspector show that  
sixty-one houses already are in the  
block and the man who proposed to  
build the ten additional ones, for  
which permits had been issued was  
told he would be arrested if he pro-  
ceeded with the work. Orders also  
were issued that any occupant of  
the cottages in the block who built  
fires in the yards were to be ar-  
rested.

## POSTOFFICE AT ATLANTIC BEACH DESTROYED BY FIRE

(By Associated Press)  
Jacksonville, Jan. 24.—The postof-  
fice and general store at Atlantic  
Beach, eighteen miles from Jack-  
sonville, was destroyed by fire early to-  
day. The loss was \$15,000.

## WOMAN LEADER TO WED MEREMAN BUT TO KEEP HER NAME

Head of Woman's Party  
Has Own Ideas About  
What She Is

## PITY A SIMP HUSBAND

People May Call Her  
"Mrs.," But It Makes  
No Difference

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Elsie Hill,  
one of the leaders of the National  
Woman's Party, confirmed today re-  
ports of her marriage to Albert Lev-  
itt, professor in the University of  
North Dakota, and in doing so an-  
nounced she would not change her  
name.

"There is no law to insist on it,  
and it is only custom that is leading  
people to do it all this time," she  
said. "I think it would be incon-  
sistent to change my name. Of course  
if people call me Mrs. Levitt I will  
not make an issue of it, but I intend  
to keep my name for all legal mat-  
ters, visiting cards and so forth."

## Rasputin Imitator Put to Death By Soviet Authority

Special to the News  
Reval, Estonia, Jan. 24.—Russian  
soviet authorities, according to Pe-  
trograd newspapers, have ended ab-  
ruptly the career of a monk, who,  
claiming to be a second Messiah, at-  
tempted to follow in the footsteps of  
the notorious Russian monk, Rasputin.  
The monk, Vladimir Tarabayev,  
founded at Novia Derevina, near Pe-  
trograd, a church of his own. He  
claimed wonderful healing powers and  
the credulous flocked to his cell. As  
the number of his followers, chiefly  
women, grew, Tarabayev, according  
to soviet officials, selected among  
them a number whom he called his  
"angels," who occupied his house with  
him.

He was sentenced to three years  
and four months in prison.

## Tarantulas Used As Weather Phophets

(By Associated Press)  
San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 24.—  
Tarantulas are certain weather  
prophets when it comes to predicting  
heavy rain storms, according to the  
convictions of Hugh Harrison, of  
Hemet, near here. Harrison said  
that during several years of obser-  
vation and study of the creatures, he  
had always noticed that prior to  
periods of heavy rain, they made  
speed for higher elevations. He said  
he believed the tarantula was gifted  
with an instinct enabling it to diag-  
nose weather conditions, several  
hours in advance.

## WATCH FOR INFLUENZA

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Jan. 24.—Health depart-  
ment inspectors were watching today  
all incoming ships for cases of influ-  
enza. Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city  
health commissioner, believes that  
New York's increasing cases of influ-  
enza may be due, in part to importations  
from Europe. All ships will be  
inspected and any influenza found on  
them will be isolated.

## MORE FROST IN CALIFORNIA

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—The  
weather bureau forecast today in-  
dicated heavy and killing frost again  
reported from northern and central  
California.

## HOPPE CHALLENGES SCHAEFER

(By Associated Press)  
New York, Jan. 24.—Willie Hoppe,  
former world's 18.2 ball line billiard  
champion, will meet Jake Schaefer,  
his conqueror, in a match for the ti-  
tle at Chicago, March 27, 28 and 29.

## NOTED CONDUCTOR DEAD

(By Associated Press)  
Leipzig, Jan. 24.—Arthur Nikisch,  
noted orchestral conductor, died here  
last evening of influenza. He was  
formerly conductor of the Boston  
Symphony orchestra.

## Baptists From Across Line In First Conference

(By Associated Press)  
Columbia, Mo., Jan. 24.—What  
those present said was the first con-  
ference between members of the  
northern and southern branches of  
the Baptist church since the war  
between the states, began here to-  
day with laymen and divines from  
many parts of the country attend-  
ing.

The opening program called for  
the presentation of suggested topics  
for conversation by Mrs. Helen Bar-  
rett Montgomery, Rochester, N. Y.,  
president of the Northern Baptist  
convention, and Dr. E. Y. Mullins of  
Louisville, Ky., president of the  
Southern Baptist convention.

Others on the program of the  
three days meeting include: the  
Rev. Livingston Johnston, editor of  
the Biblical Record, Raleigh, N. C.;  
the Rev. R. H. Hitt, editor of the Re-  
ligious Herald, Richmond, Va.; Miss  
Kathleen Mallory, Birmingham, Ala.,  
and the Rev. J. E. Dillard, Birming-  
ham, Ala.

## Diary of Rosier, Killed By Wife; Incriminated Him

(By Associated Press)  
Philadelphia, Jan. 24.—On a  
crumpled page in the diary of Oscar  
Rosier, advertising man, whose wid-  
ow was held for a coroner's jury on  
a charge of having slain Rosier and  
his stenographer Saturday in his pri-  
vate office, were several lines ad-  
dressed "to Jerry from Or." The lines  
were: "The kiss complete. The union  
of souls. Heart to heart, hand in  
hand. What does language matter.  
A sympathetic silence."

"Jerry," according to police, who  
examined Rosier's effects, including  
the diary, was the nickname for Miss  
Mildred Geraldine Reckitt, Rosier's  
stenographer. The diary was the  
same in which Rosier, a few minutes  
before he died, signed a will disin-  
heriting his wife, Mrs. Catherine  
Rosier, and her infant of a few  
months, and left all his property to  
his 8-year-old son by a former mar-  
riage and to Rosier's brother, Ar-  
thur. Attorneys for Mrs. Rosier said  
today they would contest the filing  
of the will for probate.

It developed at the hearing that  
when Mrs. Rosier went to her hus-  
band's office Saturday afternoon, she  
carried a small vial of poison.

"This would indicate," said her at-  
torney, "that Mrs. Rosier intended to  
kill herself and that it was only un-  
der the emotional derangement of  
the moment that she shot and killed  
her husband and his companion."

## FOSTER PUBLIC LINKS

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Jan. 24.—Public golf  
links which has produced so many  
excellent players in the last few  
years and spread to cities all over  
the country, both large and small, is  
to be fostered in this country by the  
Western Golf Association, according  
to an announcement by President Al-  
bert R. Gates of Chicago. It is  
planned to form a public links com-  
mittee to aid in the building, financ-  
ing and operation of golf links, so  
that the game may be made avail-  
able to every one who cares to play.  
The largest number of public links  
in America is in Chicago.

## RAIL GRANTED ALLEGED SLAYERS OF ENGINEER

(By Associated Press)  
Cordele, Ga., Jan. 24.—Bail in the  
sum of \$10,000 each was granted in  
superior court here today to nine of  
the men indicted on a charge of mur-  
der of W. T. Reed, an engineer of the  
Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic  
railway.

Fred Stubbs, first to be tried of  
18 men indicted in the case, was re-  
cently sentenced to serve from one  
to 20 years on conviction of man-  
slaughter in the case and seven of  
the men allowed bail today contend-  
ing they had been ready for trial for  
four months and pointed out the  
cases recently were continued until  
the next term of court at Fitzgerald.  
Bond in the other two cases was put  
up for P. F. Harris and Jim Mead,  
two of four men indicted but never  
arrested.

The other seven allowed bond to-  
day are C. C. Lee, J. T. Liles, J. M.  
Smith, J. L. Malcolm, Harvey  
Booker, A. W. Rozar and Crowder  
Cates.

## DROUGHT SAID TO BE ON IN CIRCLE OF BOOZE LOVERS

Sheriff Completes Job of  
Destroying Seventeen  
Stills

## COURT ISSUES ORDER

Paraphernalia Gathered  
From All Sections of  
County

Activities of the sheriff's office have  
produced a drought in the county, so  
far as spirituous exhilaration is con-  
cerned, it is declared by some who are  
supposed to know, and following on  
the heels of the announcement that  
Sheriff Hagan and his forces have  
just completed destroying seventeen  
illicit distilling outfits confidence is  
expressed in their words.

Under an order issued by Judge  
A. V. Long, of Circuit Court, Sheriff  
Hagan piled up all of the distilling  
apparatus which has been accumulat-

ing recently, burned all that was in-  
flamable and battered the remainder  
to pieces with axes. This consisted  
of three ten gallon troughs and piping  
captured at Welaka, two ten gal-  
lon troughs and piping captured at  
Hanter, one ten gallon trough and  
piping captured at Palatka Heights,  
one ten gallon can, trough and piping  
captured at Crescent City, one ten  
gallon can, trough and piping cap-  
tured at Johnston, one ten gallon can,  
trough and piping captured in Pala-  
tka, one ten gallon still, trough and  
piping and two tin can stills captured  
at Rodman, one copper still, trough  
and piping captured at Yelvington,  
near Hunting, pots, tin cans and pip-  
ing captured at Orange Mills, all ta-  
ken from men placed under arrest;

also one large copper still, trough  
and piping, six beer bins of 500 gal-  
lons each and six forty gallon barrels  
captured on the Ocklawaha river;  
two copper stills, piping and trough  
captured at Postwick, twenty gallon  
still, pots, piping and troughs cap-  
tured at Orange Mills and two stills,  
one tin can of ten gallons and one  
twenty gallon pot, troughs and pip-  
ing captured at Dunn's creek, all be-  
longing to parties unknown.

The above named stills, where ar-  
rests were made, were taken from  
the following:  
Joseph Lewis, John Dobbs, Ed.  
Lucas, Louis Melton, John Jefferson,  
Reece Tolbert, Andrew Baxley, Clar-  
ence Grant, Elijah Lawrence, Charlie  
Imman, Henry Yelvington, Noah Ed-  
wards, John Bosden and Charlie  
Banks.

Sheriff Hagan declares that there  
are a number of stills now operating  
in the county, but that he expects to  
get these, too, and especially if he  
receives the cooperation of those who  
happen to know or suspect where they  
are located.

A big still captured on the Ockla-  
waha river had a capacity, it is esti-  
mated, of furnishing all the whiskey  
that is normally consumed in Putnam  
county, but before the officers got  
there the operators had made their  
disappearance. In most instances,  
however, arrests were made.

In addition to the captured stills  
the sheriff has made a number of  
searches, where he suspected there  
was liquor stored, but in most in-  
stances the supposed owners had only a  
small supply, which is allowed by law.

## RUSSIA NOW A NATION OF SHORT-HAIRED WOMEN

(By Associated Press)  
Moscow, Jan. 24.—Russia has be-  
come a nation of short-haired women.  
This to the newcomer is supposed to  
be a symptom of communist lean-  
ings, in a country where the men  
formerly advertised their faith in  
the soviet brand of politics by wear-  
ing long hair, heavy beards, leather  
coats, and top boots. As a matter  
of fact, the majority of short-haired  
women are not communists at all.  
They earned their short hair by sur-  
viving the typhus.

Typhus is as common in Russia as  
mumps in the United States. Those  
who contract it, men or women, have  
their heads shaved, and the women  
who survive wear short hair because  
they have no other, and their own  
will not grow back for years, if ever.

## Reading Testimony in Fatty's First Case Is on Today

(By Associated Press)  
San Francisco, Jan. 24.—Reading  
of a transcript of the testimony of  
Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle at his  
first manslaughter trial resulting  
from the death of Miss Virginia  
Rappe was the first thing on the pro-  
gram when the prosecution resumed  
today its presentation of evidence at  
the second trial.

The state started reading Ar-  
buckle's previous testimony to the  
jury late yesterday and had not con-  
cluded when court adjourned. The  
proceeding was occasioned by the  
testimony of Warden Woolard, a Los  
Angeles newspaperman, who repeat-  
ed a purported interview with Ar-  
buckle following the San Francisco  
party that culminated in Miss  
Rappe's death. The state is trying  
to show contradiction between the  
two versions of the affair.

## SIBERIAN PROBLEM IS BEFORE CONFEREES AT ARMING CONFAB TODAY

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Disposal  
without extended discussion of the  
whole Siberian problem on the basis  
of the purpose of that country in main-  
taining troops there was generally  
predicted today when the arms con-  
ference far eastern committee met  
to hear the replies of the other pow-  
ers to the Japanese declaration.

Baron Shidehara's statement of  
Japanese policy yesterday in which  
he disclaimed for his country any  
designs against the territorial integ-  
rity of Russia and declared its in-  
tention of withdrawing the Japanese  
troops in Siberia as soon as orderly  
conditions are restored, apparently  
was received with satisfaction gener-  
ally among the other delegations.  
There was no indication today that  
any of the other powers was dis-  
posed to seriously dispute the plan  
of continuing, for the present, the  
Japanese occupation. The American  
government was understood not only  
to have been deeply impressed with  
the Japanese statement but also dis-  
posed to regard it as a solemn pledge  
behind which the conference could  
not properly go.

The Japanese pledge as put before  
the committee by Baron Shidehara  
also declared it to be the fixed policy  
of that country to observe the prin-  
ciple of non-intervention in the in-  
ternal affairs of Russia as well as  
the "principle of equal opportunity  
for the commerce and industry of all  
nations in every part of the Russian  
possessions." Adequate protection  
for foreign interests in Siberia was  
declared to be the only condition for  
withdrawal there.

The Shantung controversy today  
had been reduced virtually to the  
single point of difference over the  
Tsingtao railroad by agreement be-  
tween the Japanese and Chinese yester-  
day for China's purchase of the  
salt mines of the province. Although  
it was said further details outside of  
the railroad issue remained to be  
considered at today's meeting, it was  
thought possible that the latter ques-  
tion itself might come up for discus-  
sion.

## NEW PROBLEM BOBS UP IN PERU-CHILE SQUABBLE

(By Associated Press)  
Santiago, Chile, Jan. 24.—The  
proposed conference in Washington  
between representatives of Peru  
and Chile will become non-effective,  
as far as Chile is concerned, if  
Bolivia's request that she be per-  
mitted to participate in the negotiations  
is accepted by the United States  
government.

This statement of Chile's position  
was given by Foreign Minister Bar-  
ros Jarpa to the correspondent in  
discussing the note sent to President  
Harding last week by President Sa-  
avedra of Bolivia. Senor Jarpa in-  
dicated that the question of the LaPaz  
government's intervention must be  
decided by Chile and Peru.

## BYRCE FUNERAL PRIVATE

(By Associated Press)  
London, Jan. 24.—The funeral of  
Viscount Bryce will be held private-  
ly on Thursday, when the body will  
be cremated at Golders Green, a  
suburb. Arrangements are proceed-  
ing for a memorial service in Lon-  
don.

## RAILROADS NOT IN BAD CONDITION AT RETURN TO OWNERS

Hines Tells Interstate  
Commerce Commission  
This Fact

## WERE KEPT UP BETTER

Owners Had No Cause  
For Complaint He  
Tells Commission

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Assertions  
that the railroads were turned back  
to their owners after the period of  
government control in a broken-  
down condition was refuted today by  
Walker D. Hines in a statement be-  
fore the Interstate Commerce Com-  
mission of the Senate, in which the  
former director-general of railroads  
said he believed the government had  
substantially over-maintained the  
equipment of the roads during the  
period they were operated by the  
government.

The statement of Mr. Hines was  
in answer to the oft-repeated asser-  
tion that the government had allow-  
ed the roads to depreciate.

## Chicago Loves Art Despite Jeers of New York's Elite

(By Associated Press)  
Chicago, Jan. 24.—In 1921 the Art  
Institute of Chicago surpassed all  
former great records of attendance  
by over 50,000. The number of visi-  
tors to the museum during the twelve  
months totalled 1,071,422, exceeding  
the record of 1918 the best previous  
year, by 52,552 and an increase of  
68,825 over last year's attendance.  
This attendance is far in excess of  
that registered by any other art mu-  
seum of the entire country, accord-  
ing to Comptroller Clarence A.  
Hough.

The school of the Institute is the  
largest in the world. It draws stu-  
dents from every section of the  
Union and from many foreign coun-  
tries. The Federal Vocational Board,  
or U. S. Veterans Bureau as it is  
now called, is now sending nearly 100  
veterans of the late war to the school  
at the expense of the government.

From January 1, 1921, to January  
1, 1922, the total number of students  
enrolled reached 4,520, including all  
of those registered in day, night  
summer and children's classes.

## ZITA LEAVES BORDEAUX

(By Associated Press)  
Bordeaux, Jan. 24.—Former Em-  
press Zita of Austria-Hungary left  
today for Madrid on her way to the  
island of Madeira to join former  
Emperor Charles in exile. She was  
allowed to leave Madeira to be at the  
bedside of her son, Robert, who re-  
cently underwent an operation in  
Switzerland.

As Zita boarded the train she  
seemed fatigued. In interviewing the  
newspaper correspondents she paid a  
tribute to France in the following  
words: "France, which was always  
our friend and for which several mem-  
bers of my family have fought, de-  
serves to obtain all that has been won  
by the courage of those who fought  
for her."

## TO PRESERVE HELIUM

(By Associated Press)  
Newport News, Va., Jan. 24.—The  
world's supply of Helium, encased in  
the bag of the C-7 at the Mampton  
Roads naval base, is to be compressed  
and sent elsewhere. Orders to this  
effect were received yesterday and the  
C-7 is to be deflated before February  
1. The gas, it is understood, will be  
taken to another station for experi-  
mental purposes. The C-7 recently  
was given a successful test.

## CONTRACT FOR MUSCLE SHOALS SENT TO FORD

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Henry Ford's  
provisions for the purchase and lease  
of Muscle Shoals nitrate and power  
projects, embodied in contract form,  
were mailed today by Secretary  
Weeks to Mr. Ford at P. M. Mr.  
Weeks announced that as soon as the  
contracts are signed and returned to  
him he would submit them to con-  
gress.